

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A reprogrammable security system for limiting access to a protected area comprising:

a movable barrier for allowing access to a restricted area;

a motor operatively attached to said barrier for opening and closing said barrier;

a control system for controlling operation of said motor wherein said control system comprises data for enabling actions performable by said control system, said actions defining preprogrammed functions of said control system; and

~~an activation device semi-permanently connectable to said control system wherein said device comprises data describing actions of said control system and, said activation device selectively activating portions of the data to perform the preprogrammed functions defined by the activation device responsive to input signals received by the control system, said actions performing functions of said control system.~~

2. (Original) The security system of claim 1 further comprising a sensing system for sensing factors used by said control system for determining when to open and close said gate by activation of said motor.

3. (Original) The security system of claim 1 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.

4. (Original) The security system of claim 2 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.

5. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation device from said system.

6. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 2 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation device from said system.

7. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 1 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

8. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 2 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method for varying the operational parameters of a security system comprising the steps of:

providing power to a security system;

having the system look for an activation device;

associating codes on the activation device with ~~received input signals, the codes defining~~
preprogrammed ~~actions and~~ features of stored in a memory of the system responsive to input signals;

reading by the system of the codes on the activation device;

matching the codes on the activation device with a look up table of codes saved in a the memory of the system; and

activating the preprogrammed features of the security system associated with the matched codes.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of activating features includes varying the operational parameters of the system.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein varying the operational parameters includes changing the opening and closing characteristics of a movable barrier of the system that limits access to a restricted area protected by the barrier.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the step of changing the opening and closing characteristics comprises changing the length of time the barrier remains open after allowing the entry of an entity authorized to enter.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of changing authorization codes for an entities allowed to enter a secure area protected by said security system upon the using a code by the entity to activate opening of a security barrier controlled by the security system.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A reprogrammable security system for limiting access to a protected area comprising:

a movable barrier for allowing access to a restricted area;

a motor operably coupled to the barrier for opening and closing the barrier;

a control system for controlling the operation of the motor and wherein the control system comprises data for enabling actions performable by the control system, the actions defining preprogrammed functions of the control system,; and

an activation device securely and semi-permanently coupled to the control system wherein the device activates functions of the control system without the need for user interaction after the device has been installed and wherein the activation device selectively activates portions of the data to perform the preprogrammed functions defined by the activation device.

18. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 further comprising a sensing system for sensing factors used by said control system for determining when to open and close said gate by activation of said motor.

19. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.

20. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 18 wherein activation of said functions further comprises varying the operational parameters of said functions.

21. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation device from said system.

22. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 21 wherein the device is held in the socket by a clip.

23. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 18 wherein said control system includes a socket for ease of inserting and removing said activation chip from said system.

24. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 23 wherein the device is held in the socket by a clip.

25. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 17 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

26. (Previously presented) The security system of claim 18 wherein said activation device has a read/write capability so that an activation code on said device can be changed to allow selective activation of various features of said system.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)